

**SENATE BILL 1**  
**EMERGENCY BILL**

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By: **Senator Pinsky**  
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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education - Teachers - State and Local Aid Program for Certification**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing the termination provision relating to a certain State  
4 and local aid program for the certification of teachers; and making this Act an  
5 emergency measure.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
7 Article - Education  
8 Section 6-112  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Chapter 179 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1997, as amended by  
13 Chapter 536 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1999, as amended by  
14 Chapter 61 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2000  
15 Section 3

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
17 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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**Article - Education**

2 6-112.

3 (a) There is a program of State and local aid to teachers who pursue  
4 certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards known as the  
5 State and Local Aid Program for Certification by the National Board for Professional  
6 Teaching Standards.

7 (b) Each school year, the State Board shall select, consistent with the amount  
8 provided in the State budget for the Program, a maximum of 500 teachers to  
9 participate in the Program.

10 (c) The State Board shall adopt regulations to implement and administer the  
11 Program established under this section, including:

12 (1) Procedures for submitting applications for aid; and

13 (2) Criteria for the selection of recipients of aid.

14 (d) (1) Each teacher selected by the State Board to receive aid shall receive  
15 from the State an amount equal to the certification fee charged by the National Board  
16 for Professional Teaching Standards.

17 (2) Each county shall pay to the State one-third of the cost of  
18 certification for each teacher who participates in the Program who teaches in the  
19 county.

20 (3) (i) A teacher who does not complete all the requirements for  
21 assessment by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards shall  
22 reimburse the State the full amount of the aid received to participate in the Program.

23 (ii) The State shall reimburse the county the amount received  
24 under paragraph (2) of this subsection on receipt of the reimbursement of aid from a  
25 teacher under this paragraph.

26 (iii) The provisions of subparagraph (i) of this paragraph do not  
27 apply to a teacher who completes all the requirements for assessment by the National  
28 Board for Professional Teaching Standards but who does not receive certification.

29 (e) The State Board shall establish a statewide staff development plan that  
30 utilizes the skills and knowledge of teachers who have obtained National Board  
31 certification.

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**Chapter 179 of the Acts of 1997, as amended by Chapter 536 of the Acts of  
1999, as amended by Chapter 61 of the Acts of 2000**

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34 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
35 on June 1, 1997. [It shall remain effective for a period of 7 years, and, at the end of

1 May 31, 2004, and with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act  
2 shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.]

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency  
4 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety,  
5 has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members  
6 elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from  
7 the date it is enacted.